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1. BAKER'S WIFE ACCOMPANIED HIM TO KABUL AND STAYED FOR MAJORITY OF GRANT PERIOD; SINCE SHE RETURNED HOME ONLY BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY GRANT LIMITATION AND EDUCA-

TIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHILDREN, UNDER COMMISSION'S INTERPRETATION OF STATE A-707 BAKER IS ENTITLED TO DEPENDENT TRAVEL. STATE'S A-707 SECTION 3 STATES, "THE RETURN OF THE DEPENDENT TO THE HOME COUNTRY SHOULD NORMALLY COINCIDE WITH THAT OF THE GRANTEE." THIS GUIDELINE ALLOWS FOR JUSTIFIABLE EXCEPTIONS, AND COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT COMPELLING FINANCIAL FACTORS IN BAKER'S CASE JUSTIFY WIFE'S LEAVING EARLY.

2. REFTTEL (A) PARA 2 STATES, "HOWEVER, STATE 182927 ERRED AND INCORRECTLY AUTHORIZED COMMISSION REIMBURSE BAKER FOR WIFE'S TRAVEL. THEREFORE WE ARE WILLING TO ABIDE BY COMMITMENT REFTTEL." COMMISSION ASSUMES COMMITMENT APPLIES TO BAKER'S DEPENDENT TRAVEL BOTH FROM HOME TO KABUL AND FROM KABUL TO HOME. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE BAKER IN LOCAL CURRENCY THE DOLLAR EQUIVALENT FOR ECONOMY CLASS AIR FARE FOR WIFE'S TRAVEL FROM KABUL TO HOME.

3. COLLINS AND POUILLADA ARE COMPLETING GRANTS. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE TICKETS FOR DEPENDENT TRAVEL TO MRS. COLLINS AND MRS. POUILLADA FOR RETURN HOME.

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